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increase in litigation in this subject should prove useful and convenient aids to the profession.

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**NEW ROADS AND ROAD LAWS IN THE UNITED STATES.** By Roy STONE, Vice-President National League for Good Roads, etc. New York: D. Van Nostrand Co. 1894.

Although this book does not, strictly speaking, belong to the domain of legal literature, it will nevertheless be read with profit by all lawyers interested in the broad and important subject of road improvement. The wretched roads which disgrace so many sections of the country are evils which must be corrected not only by the adoption of scientific methods of construction, but also by radical changes in the antiquated road laws and in the system of public expenditure. Mr. Stone devotes the greater part of his work to a description of the kinds of roads suitable for various localities, etc., and gives us some very encouraging information as to the practical value resulting to the farmer by the laying of smooth, hard surfaces without the accompaniment of increased taxation. The appendix contains the substance of the recently enacted road laws of sixteen states, as well as the schemes for much needed legislation and plans for state aid in several important states. It is to be regretted, however, that the author did not dwell upon the incomplete and unpractical features of the old road laws (still in force, alas, in too many states), and contrast them with the new provisions.

The book is exceedingly well turned out. The illustrations add much to the interest.

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